

	WATER RESOURCES DIVISION RESCISSION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE		DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Rescinded Date: January 28, 2014	Subject: Culvert or Bridge Extensions		Category: <input type="checkbox"/> Internal/Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> External/Non-Interpretive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External/Interpretive
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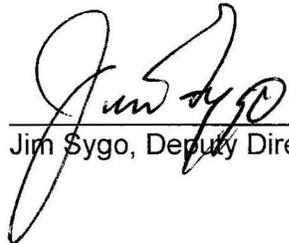
Water Resources Division (formerly Land and Water Management Division) Policy and Procedure No. 301-31-98-02, dated September 23, 1999, is rescinded. The information contained in this policy and procedure is superseded by new minor project and general permit categories.

DIVISION CHIEF APPROVAL:



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Jim Sygo, Deputy Director

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SUBJECT: CULVERT OR BRIDGE EXTENSIONS		EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/11/99 updated 09/23/99
SECTION AND/OR UNIT: Water Management Section Transportation & Flood Hazard Management Unit Lansing and Field Staff	APPROVAL SIGNATURE: original signed by Hope Croskey	ALSO SEE:
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ISSUES/DISCUSSION:

Staff has asked for additional clarification when reviewing a proposal to extend a bridge or culvert 24 feet or less and calling it a minor project under rule 6(f)(i)(f) of the administrative rules for Part 301. A bridge or culvert that is extended 24 feet or less is also exempt under rule 312(g) of the administrative rules for Part 31.

AUTHORITY:

Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

The State's Floodplain Regulatory Authority found in Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

GUIDANCE/ACTION:

1. The length of culvert extension shall include the total extended length that was added to each side. If 12 feet were added to one side and 10 feet to the other, this would represent a total extended length of 22 feet and would fall under the minor project category.
2. Any flared end sections do not count against the total extended length of the culvert. The flared end sections are accounted for in the entrance loss factor K_e and represent an improvement over a projecting culvert.
3. The 24-foot extension total, as a minor project under Part 301 or an exemption under Part 31, shall apply to the life of the culvert or bridge. If a culvert is extended 16 feet, it may only be extended an additional 8 feet at a future date and still qualify under these categories.